

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims.

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B 3 } 9. (New) A method for inhibiting synovial cell growth, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising a monoclonal antibody PM-1 and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

A₂ 10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the antibody is a humanized antibody PM-1.

11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the patient is a human.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the antibody is administered in four divided doses from about 1 to 1000 mg.

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B 4 } 13. (New) The method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising a monoclonal antibody PM-1 and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the antibody suppresses abnormal growth of synovial cells.

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B 5 } 15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the antibody is a humanized antibody PM-1.

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B 6 } 16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the patient is a human.